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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 22, 2005 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20051205), for which a response is due on March 22, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.